

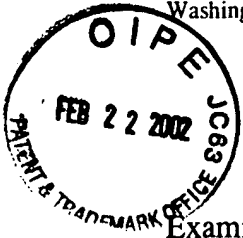


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In re Application of

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Serial No.: 09/015,469

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-) SPECIATED ISOTOPE DILUTION MASS
-) SPECTROMETRY OF REACTIVE SPECIES
-) AND RELATED METHODS
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Sir:

In response to the first Action final rejection in the captioned CPA application, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Cancel claim 4.

Rewrite claims 1 and 10 as follows.

1. (Twice Amended) A method of speciated isotope dilution measurement of a sample comprising
providing at least one predetermined stable isotope,